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HARBOR PLANNING COMMITTEE

Eastham Town Hall, 2500 State Highway, Small Meeting Room

Thursday, August 29, 2019 4:00 PM

Public Meeting

MINUTES

Meeting was open by Bob Bruns.

1. Approval of minutes.

The Harbor Planning Committee approved minutes.

2. Discuss feedback from July 29th Public Forum.

The committee discussed the public comments from July Harbor Planning Meeting which were concerning the following: shuttle usage, designated commercial parking areas, usage studies on boat ramps and impact on local landings, beaches and Eastham residents access to Rock Harbor. The committee continued to discuss comments about beaches and Eastham residents accessing Rock Harbor.

The committee talked about the Eastham waiting list and both sides of Rock Harbor, Eastham and Orleans. The committee continued to talk about the boat ramp, replacing the dock, signage for Bridge Road, accessibility into the cove and a possible study concerning boat access at the cove.

3. Discuss feedback from fishing-commercial stakeholders.

The committee talked Collins Landing being a commercial landing and the feedback they received from commercial fishermen pertaining to parking, accessibility. The committee spoke about scheduling a meeting after the 4:00 pm meeting on October 17th and talked about inviting commercial permit holders and the steps to contact the holders.

4. Review and discuss Draft Harbor Plan.

The committee discussed commercial and recreational access to Town landings and felt it should be an objective and spoke about different options and implementation. The committee spoke about researching grants and funding and

discussed the Community Preservation Fund. The committee continued to talk about accessibility and waste water management.

Bob Bruns stated he would love to see the plan include accessibility and require an implementation committee.

The committee spoke about the goals and objectives in the Draft Harbor Plans. The committee also talked about the recommendations and how the verbiage should be more descriptive in the plan.

The committee talked about commercial and recreation and combining them explicitly into each objective.

The committee also spoke of combining flooding and climate change with shoreline management to reduce the objectives.

The committee continued to discuss sea port goals and stated that the recommendations were not strategic to the goals and feels that some would not be high priority coming out of this plan. The committee continued to discuss public recommendations, goals, objectives, climate change, water qualities, flood prevention, infrastructure, shoreline management, and strategic planning to identify what will be added to the Harbor Plan.

The committee talked about keeping the plan unique to the other plans like, climate change and low lying roads, and not to integrate the issues.

The committee also spoke of sea level rise and if it should be reiterated in the plan.

The committee also spoke about driving out of Hemmingway and Collins and cutting back the foliage for a better site line and that this issue is at all landings but worse at Hemmingway and Collins.

The committee spoke about eliminating the wall at Collins and was advised that it floods in that area and removing the wall will cause more issues. The committee continued to talk about other landings and ways of maintaining the ramps and other infrastructures.

The committee talked about run off, replacing ramps, and parking areas, and felt the recommendations should include water quality.

The committee talked about structuring the report by location and the objectives for that location.

The committee talked about Natural Resources and how integrating will help balance things out.

The committee talked about a foot bridge connecting Eastham and Orleans at Rock Harbor. The committee continued to talk about coordinating with others to work together, and have it be part of the implementation plans. The committee talked about the Select board and how they can be integrated into this plan as liaisons

The committee talked about Eastham assets such as beaches and feel we should be taking better care of the town beaches. The committee also gave praise to the conservation department for having nourishment but feels this aspect needs more help in maintaining and making sure nourishment is done correctly. The committee continued discussing how to improve nourishment.

The committee inquired on a feasibility study on the landings, getting major points into the introduction, the use or lack of use of certain terms. For example, Commercial versus Recreational, and felt that some of these key points will help the reader understand why the report reads the way it does.

The committee emphasized on having an implementation team for the plan and how important it is for the plan.

The committee also asked about internships from colleges for assistance and discussed other programs and how they work.

5. Woods Hole Group engineering assessment.

The committee stated that due to not having any new material from Woods Hole, this agenda item should be continued until the October meeting.

6. Next steps.

The committee spoke about prepping for the next meeting.

The committee also discussed drafting a recommendation for nourishment, enforcement and monitoring.

The committee talked about a liaison from the Select board and providing them with information to keep them informed.

They committee talked about sending the fishermen an email with the October meeting date and discussed any special issues.

7. Other business.

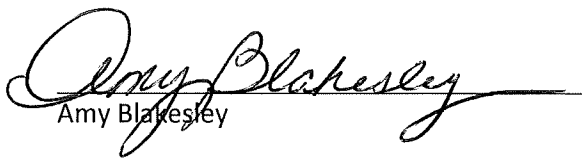
The committee spoke of receiving another grant for \$150,000.00 from Sea Port Economic Council for the new Harbormaster building and site permits at Rock Harbor. The committee praised Ryan Nolan for the work he has done on behalf of this process and his assistance in getting these grants.

8. Set next meeting date.

This was not discussed during this meeting.

The committee adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted as prepared by,


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